thought it was necessary to enforce the Disturbed Areas Act in the whole of Assam. In view of the claim that is being made by the Government, the Disturbed Areas Act should be withdrawn either from the whole of Assam or at least from major portion of Assam which is not affected by terrorist activities. There is no gain saying the fact that terrorism has to be dealt with properly and firmly but at the same time, not with vindictiveness but with an idea to come to a solution of the problem giving rise to terrorism or things like that. In view thereof, this question of Disturbed Areas Act and its withdrawal from Assam should be considered.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Mr. Chairman, Sir, at the moment, there is no proposal before the Government of India to withdraw the Disturbed Areas Act because the situation does not warrant it. But we have taken into consideration all the complaints that have come. My hon. friend says that there were cases of rape and all that. Every individual case was gone into whether it is from the Army or from the armed forces and appropriate measures have been taken to assure the people that nothing will be done which is against the law in the land.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Bhubaneshwar Kalita. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, I may also be given a chance.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have given a chance here and then to Mr. Kalita. He also comes from Assam, if I am not mistaken. You can correct me always. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Sir, the Prime Minister saird that the Government is prepared to talk to ULFA. But since ULFA is a banned organisation, may I know whether the Government is considering to lift that ban. This is what I want to know from the Home Minister.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: There is no question of lifting the ban and if the hon. Member heard me attentively, I said, we are ready to talk with any individual or any person. I never mentioned the name of ULFA.

*124. [*The questions (Shri Parumpan Tha Kirutinam and Shri V. Gopalsamy) wert absent. For answer, vide col 34-35 in page*]

Committee to study the technical and cultural impact of foreign satellite programmes on India

*125. SHRI G. SWAMI NAIK:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:†

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting about two years ago to study the technical and cultural impacts of foreign Satellite programmes on India; if so by when the study report of the committee is likely to be submitted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prior permission is required to be obtained from the Office of the Advisor (Wireless) for showing programmes on television through Satellite;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the hotels are free to avail of the benefits of Cable News Network (CNN) Services;

(d) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is likely to be affected by the video magazines to be telecast through cable network; and

(e) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Verma.

Statement

The Inter-Departmental Committee set up to study the various aspects of the establishment of the Cable TV Networks and Dish Antennae Systems in the country and to make suitable recommendations submitted its Report to the Government on Feb., 21, 1991 for appropriate action.

In accordance with the existing instructions, a dish antenna for receiving TV signals direct from a satellite can be established only after obtaining a licence from the Ministry of Communications. The facility is required to be used for receiving TV programmes from Indian Satellite only.

Doordarshan offers to its viewers programmes on a wide range of themes and it is doubtful whether "video magazines" can in the long run successfully compete with Doordarshan. It is nevertheless Doordarshan's constant endeavour to improve its programme formet so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, what are themain recommendations of the Committee?

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, I must be heard. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record. You cannot do like this. I am not permitting you and nothing will go on record. Whatever she has said will not go on record. Answer the question, Mr. Sahay... (*Interruptions*)... He puts the question from all sides. Mr. Dinesh Goswami is also from your side. He belongs to your party also.

श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय : महोदय, एक कमेटी रेकोमेंडेशन 21 फरवरी को हमारे पास आई है, जिसमें उन्होंने केवल न्यूज नेटवर्क और डिश एन्टेना के बारे में एक अपना लेजिस्लेशन बनाने के लिए भी कहा है।

यही नहीं, उन्होंने कहा है, क्योंकि डिश एन्टेना का परमिशन कम्युनिकेशन मिनिस्ट्री के द्वारा दिया जाता है, उनसे भी अपनी राय लेकर एक ज्वाइंट राय बनाने की कोशिश के लिए उन्होंने कहा है।

उन्होंने कहा है कि पब्लिक एजिटेशन के लिए.... (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Issue of shares by Maruti Udyog Ltd. to its employees

*124. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN.
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maruti Udyog Ltd. has decided to issue shares to its employees;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Bureau of Public Enterprises to introduce this scheme in other public sector undertakings; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The employees of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL)) can buy shares indirectly by subscribing to the Maruti Udyog Ltd. Employees Mutual Benefit Fund (Trust), which would use these funds to buy Maruti shares from Government and can also invest in stocks, bonds etc. of MUL or any of its subsidiaries, associated or designated Companies. The salient features of the Trust are as under:—

(i) The main object of the scheme is to provide benefits of the growth of

*Not recorded.